

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF PORTS
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some big ports have been facing financial crunch;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve their financial conditions, port-wise; and
- (c) the details of financial assistance sought by the Paradeep port to start its developmental projects during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In Paradip Port Trust there is one externally aided project viz., `Creation of Mechanical Coal Handling Facilities` which is assisted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Government has released financial assistance as a loan towards ADB component of the project. The details of loans given to Paradip Port Trust during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

1996-97	16.39
1997-98	44.68
1998-99	82.00